

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SANCTUARIES
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chakrashila wildlife sanctuary in Goalpara has been grossly neglected;
- (b) if so, the population of Golden Langurs in the sanctuary in 1994 and as per different census since then;
- (c) the details of species of plants, birds, amphibia, butterflies and fishes in this sanctuary; and
- (d) the expenditure incurred on protection and conservation of these species since the establishment of the sanctuary?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No census of animals has been carried out by the Governmental agencies in this sanctuary. However, in 1988 a Non Government Organisation (NGO) estimated the population of Golden Langur at 60-70 individuals and as per a recent research work carried out by an individual researcher the population of the species is estimated to be about 200 individuals comprising 11 troops.

(c) Some of the important species found in the sanctuary include: Golden Langur, Tiger, Leopard, Sambar, Barking Deer, Hog Deer, Civets, Jungle Cat, Leopard Cat, Clouded Leopard, King Cobra, Banded Krait, Turtles, Peacock Pheasant and Hornbill.

(d) The sanctuary has been notified in 1994. The central assistance was started in 1999-2000. The expenditure incurred since 1999-2000 in the sanctuary under Centrally Sponsored Schemes is as follows:

Name of Scheme	Expenditure
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Development of national parks & sanctuaries	Rs.14.24 lakh
Eco-development in and around protected areas	Rs. 2.6 lakh